



Spring Grove Primary School

Reception Homework and News

Friday 4th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have been learning all about pancakes this week! We started by reading the book 'Pancakes, Pancakes' by Eric Carle which tells the story of a young boy called Jack who wanted pancakes for his breakfast. The story got us talking about how we make pancakes and the ingredients we need. We decided we would like to make our own and used the book to help us write a shopping list to make sure we purchased the right ingredients. The children looked at some ideas for pancake toppings and fillings and we introduced the language sweet and savoury to help the children sort the options and decide what they like best. They then designed and labelled their own dream pancake, taking care to draw and colour what they would like to eat. Some of the children worked together in a small group to make the batter for the pancakes and the teachers cooked them on the stove. The children decided they preferred sweet toppings over savoury and we enjoyed eating the pancakes we cooked with lemon and sugar. After spending most of the week learning about pancakes and how to make them by Thursday the children knew exactly what they needed and the steps to take to cook them! They created some instructions to tell the other classes in the school how to make a pancake using clear language and 'bossy' words (imperative verbs). We continue to be impressed by how much the children are able to focus and how much progress they are making with their writing, it is so lovely to see.

In Maths, we have been looking at the composition of numbers to 10 and using our subitising skills to quickly identify different amounts. The children are getting better at explaining how they know a group shows different amounts and can quickly find smaller groups within a larger one, for example seeing 2 and 5 within a group of 7. Building on these skills will help the children with their early number sense which is very important for the foundations of mathematical learning.

The children loved dressing up on Thursday as their favourite book characters and really enjoyed showing off their outfits to the rest of the school during assembly. It was amazing to see the effort that had gone into the costumes! We have taken lots of pictures to include in each child's learning journey.

Ideas to support your child at home-

- As part of our ongoing phonics assessment, we have identified certain sounds which some children are finding tricky or are not secure with. Please find your child's sound(s) and video on their Google Classroom stream. Please let me know if you have any problems with accessing this.
- As always, the book your child has been reading in school is available to read as an eBook on Oxfordowl.co.uk. Please encourage your child to re read this text to support their fluency and understanding.
- Hopefully you have all been enjoying using the White Rose 1 Minute Maths app. It is free to download and is a fun, easy way for the children to build on their subitising skills that we have been developing in school. If you have not yet had a chance, please download the app and enjoy!

We hope that you have a wonderful weekend!

Warmest regards,

Mrs Lloyd, Mrs Kotecha and Miss Manlow ☺

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